

**REMARKS**

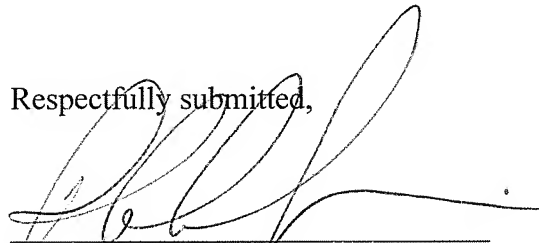
Applicant would like to thank Examiner for interviewing this case on December 12, 2006. Rather than submit a declaration, Applicant has provided this amendment to clarify the invention. Claims 52 and 54 are currently pending. Claims 36-51 and 53 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

**Fee Authorization**

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